



Weekly Wire
News from East Asia and Pacific
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Australia

New Blueprint for Sustainable International Education

The “Educating Globally” report prepared by the International Education Advisory Council estimates that Australia can expect to host an additional 117,000 international students by 2020 – a 30 percent increase from today’s numbers. The report also indicates that it is critical to continue to

support the sector’s competitiveness while maintaining quality.

<http://minister.innovation.gov.au/chrisbowen/MediaReleases/Pages/NewblueprintforsustainableinternationalEducation.aspx>

World-first Wave Energy Technology

The Government announced that it will support Western Australia’s Carnegie Wave Energy Limited in a project to power desalination plants with wave energy. This world-first project will use the power of ocean waves to directly drive high pressure desalination pumps at a pilot-scale desalination plant, substantially reducing emissions and electricity consumption.

<http://minister.innovation.gov.au/gregcombet/MediaReleases/Pages/Worldfirstwaveenergytechnologytoreduceemissionsandelectricityuse.aspx>

Japan

Okinawa Institute of S&T (OIST) Graduate University

OIST is an interdisciplinary graduate school offering a 5-year PhD program in science. Over half of the faculty and students are recruited from outside of Japan, and all education and research is conducted entirely in English. The school accepts 20 students per year. The 2013 admission workshop is part of the selection process that will be held in July.

<http://www.oist.jp/>

JSPS HOPE Meetings

The 5th HOPE meeting was held in Tokyo from February 26-March 2, 2013. HOPE is not an acronym, but an opportunity the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) provides for about 100 graduate students from 17 East Asia, Pacific and African countries (Australia, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Israel, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, NZ, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam) to listen to lectures by Nobel laureates and prominent researchers, and visit Japanese research facilities. It was established in 2008 to create an Asian version of the Lindau Nobel Laureates Meetings.

<http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-hope/outline.html>

New Zealand

Cooperation with India

The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) will invest \$200,000 per year over two years in cooperative research projects, ranging from basic to applied, with India’s Department of Science and Technology.

<http://www.msi.govt.nz/get-funded/research-organisations/types-of-funding/funding-for-international-relationships/>